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Figures justify a better deal from media, PM told

SOCCER ASKS FRASER FOR HELP

Strong bid for TV coverage

The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, and the Minister for Post and Telecommunications, Mr Staley, have been asked to help soccer get more television exposure.

Soccer officials at a meeting in Canberra gave Mr Fraser and Mr Staley statistics to justify more coverage in the media, particularly on television.

One of the officials, Mr John Frank, manager of the nationwide Philips Soccer League, said:

"We gave Mr Fraser and Mr Staley a four-page situation report on what will be happening in Australian soccer in the next four years.

"During this period, we will compete in Olympic Games qualifying matches, we will stage the finals of the 1981 world youth championship, we will try to qualify for the 1982 World Cup in Spain and we will have England and perhaps some other national teams in Australia for our soccer centenary celebrations.

"We pointed out to Mr Fraser and Mr Staley that about 427,000 juniors and seniors play soccer in Australia.

"We also presented the findings of a recent survey by the Australian National University Research Division."

People were asked whether they played one or another of the sports or went to matches, whether they watched the sport on television and whether they were interested in the sport.

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Mr Frank said he and the other soccer officials were pleased with the reaction they got from Mr Fraser and Mr Staley.

"Mr Staley said with some pride that his son plays soccer in preference to the other sports and both Mr Staley and Mr Fraser said they were aware of the magnitude of the world youth championships which are to be held in Australia in 1981," Mr Frank said.

"We pointed out that any network willing to cover soccer's big events and the Olympic or World Cup matches, for instance - should get involved with the game on a regular basis.

"This would ensure that the network develops the necessary expertise to handle the big events when they come along."

Mr Frank said he expected officers of Mr Staley's department to call for further reports on media coverage of soccer.

"The Australian Soccer Federation will also continue its drive to get a better deal from the media," Mr Frank said.

"It is up to us to take a more aggressive stance."

Canberra City's president, Mr Charles Perkins, arranged the meeting between Mr Fraser and Mr Staley and the soccer officials.

The soccer delegation comprised Mr Frank, ASF senior vice-president, Mr Vic Tutting, Philips League chairman Mr Sam Pasaavas, Canberra City secretary Mr Max Talbot and Mr Perkins.



Team-mates congratulate Mimis Papaioannou after he had steered AEK Athens to the 1978 Greek championship by scoring against Olympiakos.

Polonia Mimis' first victim?

"We've got the best Greek support in Australia. I wish I were a millionaire so I could bring more Greek stars to make our fans happy. They deserve it."

It was Jim Tsabasis talking, only moments after Mimis Papaioannou had confirmed his visit to Australia.

Papaioannou will play until December for Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs, of which Mr Tsabasis is president.

Papaioannou told Mr Tsabasis by phone last Friday that his club, AEK

Athens, would definitely clear him to play for Wests.

His first game will be probably against Polonia on June 23.

Papaioannou's visit will cost about \$30,000.

To make full use of the superstar's visit, Wests are negotiating to play at the home of Sunshine City, Chaplin Reserve, rather than the smaller Ralph Street ground.

The club also wants all its matches played on Saturdays, to avoid Sunday competition from Greek giants South Melbourne and Heidelberg United.

West Adelaide, Marrickville Olympic (NSW) and Preston Makedonia (Vic) have indicated they are willing to play friendly matches against Western Suburbs during Papaioannou's visit.

NZ trip for State star

"Soccer Action's" Victorian player of the year will win a return trip for two to New Zealand.

The trip is being provided by General Tourist Travel Service

of 365 Victoria Street, Abbotsford (phone 428 1394).

Votes for the award are cast by "Soccer Action" on a 3-2-1 basis. Progress votes have been appearing weekly.



FK Partizan Belgrade, standing from left: Stojkovic, Zalad, Djurovic, Lazicic, Kozic, Kunovac, Hikitovic. Front: Klincarski, Varga, Todorovic, Santrac, Prkazi.

Match of the year

The Victorian State League "match of the year" between Croatia and Makedonia will be played at the Olympic Park greyhound stadium at 3 pm on Sunday.

A special two-page preview, with pictures, appears on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

Slobodan Santrac, six times top scorer of the Yugoslav First Division, is the major drawcard of Partizan Belgrade which will tour Australia this month.

Other Partizan stars are Stojkovic, Trifunovic and Hatanic, who recently returned from a stint in Turkey.

Santrac joined OFK Belgrade at the age of 17 and was the team's top scorer 11 times.

Later he had two years with Swiss Club Grasshoppers Zurich. He was top scorer in Switzerland during this period.

Santrac joined Partizan last year and quickly captured the fans' imagination.

A serious injury recently kept him out of action for two months

Santrac top man

but he scored in his return match last week, to give Partizan a 1-1 draw with Sarajevo.

Partizan starts its Australian tour against the Victorian State team at Olympic Park, on Sunday, June 24.

Other games are:
Wednesday, June 27: v. South Australia, Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 pm.

Friday, June 29: v. Newcastle KB Utd, International Sports Centre, 7 pm.

Sunday, July 1: v. Australian XI, Sydney Sports Ground, 3 pm.

WILSON IS BOSS AGAIN

The Socceros' build-up for the Olympic Games starts in earnest when they meet New Zealand in Auckland tonight (Wednesday).

Peter Wilson is back after a two-year absence and will captain the team. John Kosmina plays his first game for the Roos since returning from Arsenal.

Australia's squad is: Greg Woodhouse, Peter Wilson, Agenor Muniz (Adelaide City), Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, (Sydney City), Col Curran (Newcastle KB Utd), Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions), Paul Degney, Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Peter Sharpe, Mark Jankovic, Eddie Krncevic (Marconi), John O'Shea (St. George), John Kosmina, Martyn Crook (West Adelaide).

Victoria meets Sunbury

The Victorian State team will play against Provisional League side Sunbury United tonight (Wednesday) as part of its preparation for the game against Partizan Belgrade on June 24.

Tonight's match is the first under the new floodlights at Langma Reserve in Mitchell's Lane, Sunbury. The match starts at 7.15 pm.

An official "switch-on" will take place at about 6.45 pm.

The Sunbury team will feature guest stars including George Train of Altona City and his brother Jim Train of Slavia.

Sunbury, which recently became a limited company, plans to build \$100,000 clubrooms next year.

Carson new Lions boss

Matt Carson resumed his association with Socceroo striker Tony Brennan when he replaced Eddie Spearritt as coach of Brisbane Lions last week.

Carson coached Brennan at Queensland State League club Southside Eagles before Brennan joined Lions early this year.

Carson hopes to lure Brennan's former Eagles team-mate Ron Millman to Lions. Millman is a Queensland State player.

Eagles' new coach is Walter Tamandl, the former Prague (NSW) star. Tamandl and Gyula Vince were among the applicants for the Lions job, which became vacant when Spearritt resigned last week.

Spearritt will continue as a player. — BRUCE WADELL



Former State coach Frank Wimmer has got together Victoria's first all-Aboriginal junior team at Lake Tyers, in the south-east.

He calls them the Young Socceroos and he hopes a few Harry Williams types will emerge to go on and represent their country.

Wimmer, who coached Croatia, Footscray, Slavia and Box Hill during his distinguished career, moved to Lakes Entrance 15 months ago when soccer was virtually un-

Lake Tyers has own Socceroos

known in the district.

He got to work on popularising the game, and has since started three under 12 teams including

sponse.

He is pictured above (back row, centre) with his Lake Tyers youngsters.

Back row from left: John Bryant (team manager), Frank Wimmer, Murray Bull (general manager), Carlo Tunstall, Junial Edwards, Daryl Hood, Eddy Hood, Leonard Bryant, Rodney Hayes, Derrick Hayes.

Front row: Murray Bull Jr., Willie Bryant, Keith Bryant, Eddy Bryant, Craig Edwards.

(Picture courtesy of Baimsdale Advertiser).

Parramatta, Perth youth title venues

Parramatta, Perth, Newcastle and Canberra are likely to be among the venues for matches in the 1981 FIFA-Coca-Cola world youth tournament.

These cities have been included, along with Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide in a sample draw issued by the Australian Soccer Federation.

The final, third place play-off and one semi-final are scheduled to be played in Melbourne.

Sydney would get a semi-final, a quarter-final and a preliminary group tournament.

Two matches in this tournament would be played in Parramatta.

The two Perth matches would be from the group based in Adelaide.

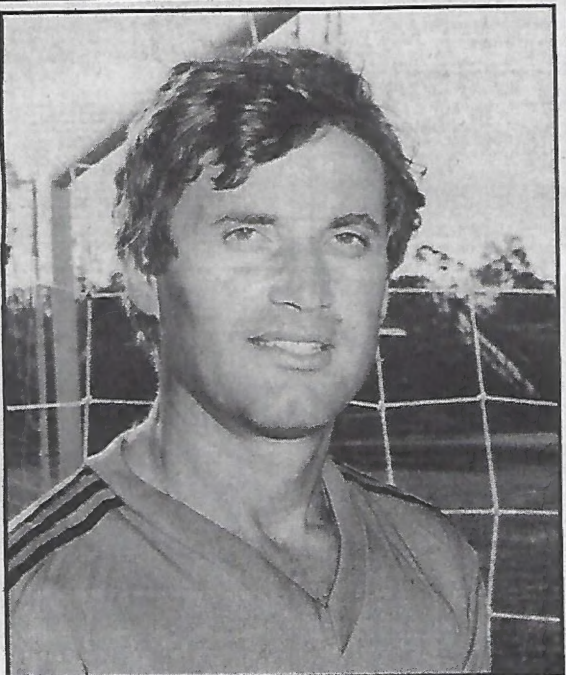
Canberra and Newcastle would each get one match of the tournament based in Brisbane.

The opening round matches, scheduled for October 4, 1981, will be played simultaneously in as many centres as possible to enable as many people as possible to witness the opening ceremonies.

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Close watch on Adelaide trio

While going through the trials and tribulations of trying to form a successful national team, coach Rudi Gutendorf is keeping a close watch on at least three South Australians: Martyn Crook, John Kosmina and Vic Bozanic.

They are under consideration for the squad that will meet Taiwan in Olympic qualifying matches in Indonesia next month.

The three are pictured here.

FAR LEFT: Crook rises high to make a save in West Adelaide's 4-3 victory over South Melbourne. CENTRE: Kosmina heads for goal. LEFT: Bozanic evades a sliding tackle from Mike Pye.

Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

The 'tender trap' threatens Rudi

By Peter Scott
IN FOCUS



Without any doubt whatsoever, Rudi Gutendorf is the most professional, businesslike personality to appear on the Australian soccer scene in many a year.

Not only is this statement true when one realises the man's background, but also when we consider the salary which he is reputed to receive, the freedom of action (well, almost) he has and the financial means at his disposal in Australian soccer's attempt to scale the World Cup heights again in 1982.

Therefore, it is only natural that the stern and plain-speaking Rudi receives his fair share of publicity and media exposure.

This is something that can only benefit soccer in general, as the column inches devoted to Gutendorf are to the benefit of the round-ball code as a whole.

However, let me issue a warning!

Watch out Rudi, you may be falling into a "tender trap".

While the overwhelming majority of soccer journo's seem to be keeping things pretty much in their proper perspective, there is

the odd voice here and there, seemingly intent on defying our national coach.

Let us recall the old truism: The higher the pedestal on which you put a person, the harder the fall when it occurs.

This is not to say that Rudi is heading for the big drop, not by a long shot.

He has so far proven himself refreshingly outspoken and encouragingly open-minded, ready to pick the brains of all who may have some good advice or valuable information for him.

Our coach did not attempt to assume the mantle of the Delphic Oracle, who was reputed to have been infallible, while at the same time he is always ready to voice his forthright opinions, even if on occasion they are uncomfortable for some people.

And more power to him, I say!

Allowing for this, however, the last thing Rudi needs is a coterie of "admirers" around him, always ready to tell him exactly what they think he might want to hear.

I trust that Gutendorf, with his many years of experience — and let's admit, ups and downs — in soccer management, will have acquired the hard-boiled realism which would enable him to single out the sycophants, ever ready and able to bask in the reflected glory of his successes.

One can only hope this is so, because such camp followers are always the first to turn on the national coach if things go wrong, as they occasionally will.

Let us remember the unfortunate — and very recent — example of Jimmy Shoulder, one of nature's gentlemen, but not national coach material.

I'm happy to say that most members of our profession were fully aware of Jimmy's shortcomings and made no bones about our many misgivings.

This did not stop the media community from singing his praises when there was an occasion for it, such as during the Soccerroos' excellent showing in the World of Soccer Tournament.

But even during the Shoulder era there were consistent campaigns to the effect that the media had no right to do anything but be in

100 percent agreement with the national coach's every whim and fancy.

The fact that his players adored the friendly Jimmy was elevated as the national supreme's major virtue.

In the meantime we were "getting done" by the likes of Kuwait. It caused little surprise when these unconditional admirers were the first to turn on the unfortunate Shoulder as the 1978 Soccerroos finally ran out of chances, excuses and opportunities, as they inevitably had to.

Be careful Rudi; don't allow yourself to be set up as the patsy.

Now that you are settled in and presumably aware of the semi-pro status of the game in Australia (and that includes playing, coaching and administration) ram home continuously the point that you can only do your best under the circumstances.

That is all anyone can ask of you.

But, even the world's greatest coach must depend to a certain extent on his backup services, the co-operation of all and sundry.

What Rudi Gutendorf needs right now is support; support for his extraordinary demands on clubs and players (extraordinary by our standards that is), financial support and lots and lots of patience and understanding regardless of immediate results.

After all, in the final reckoning the results against New Zealand, Taiwan or even in Moscow do not matter.

The only thing that matters is Spain in 1982!

Defeating the purpose

Sydney City is thinking of playing some of its home matches in Gosford and other country centres.

My acquaintances among the Blue-and-White club's supporters fervently hope that the club's management will nip the proposal in its bud before there is any change of it blossoming.

While playing at, say, Gosford would be great for the locals and undoubtedly serve as a shot in the arm for country soccer, what about City's own fans, they ask.

"We changed the club's name from Hakohu to Sydney City to boost our crowds and home support at Wentworth Park," one told me.

"I fail to see how this purpose would be served by cutting down on the number of our home games; it's almost as if we wanted to discourage our faithful followers from seeing the team."

Putting on promotional appearances in the bush is a noble objective. Possibly the Phillips Cup could have been utilised for the purpose.

But to suggest giving away vital home ground advantage in the "big one", the PSF, is strange to say the least.

The Sydney City Board of Directors are a businesslike, wide-awake lot, as witnessed by the fruit of their labours — a team which is perhaps the most consistently outstanding since Federation soccer's birth in the late fifties.

I trust they will again demonstrate their wisdom when they make their decision on this matter.

Norwich interior

How about that magnificent second half display by NSW against Norwich City?

As we gazed in wonderment at the transformation of our lads from kick-and-rushers into wily and clever soccer players after half time, I and the rest of the 8000 spectators wondered about the cause.

Then the obvious explanation dawned on me.

Why, what happened was nothing more, nor less, than that

our boys finally realised they were playing against a rubbishy sort of a team.

In fact, they were playing against a team which, on the day at least, was clearly inferior in skills, pace and even will-power.

And there wasn't the usual excuse of "we're just on a holiday," thanks to Norwich Union's prizemoney.

Well done boys! Now let's look beyond the British Isles a bit more often for touring teams — unless, of course, the really big guns are available.

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SYDNEY CITY.....	2	0	4	13	14	5	1	0	13	4	26:18	1	16
ADELAIDE C.....	3	1	2	7	6	4	1	1	13	8	20:14	0	16
APIA-LEICHH.....	3	1	2	8	7	4	1	1	7	5	15:12	0	16
Brisbane City.....	4	0	2	9	3	2	2	2	10	12	19:15	1	15
Newcastle KB.....	4	0	2	13	6	2	2	2	9	9	22:15	0	14
West Adelaide.....	3	1	2	10	5	2	1	3	5	10	15:15	1	13
Heidelberg Utd.....	2	3	1	8	6	2	1	3	7	8	15:14	0	12
Canberra City.....	1	2	3	5	9	3	2	1	9	5	14:14	0	12
Sydney Olympic.....	2	0	4	5	8	3	0	3	11	9	16:17	0	10
Brisbane Lions.....	2	0	4	10	10	3	0	3	6	7	16:17	0	10
Footscray JUST.....	2	1	3	7	12	2	0	4	7	13	14:25	0	9
South Melbourne.....	2	1	3	8	10	1	0	5	2	15	10:25	0	7
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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team.

BANOVIC (1)
(H'berg)

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(Bris C) (Newc) (APIA) (Syd C)

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(Marconi)

JANKOVIC (3)
(Marconi)

RAMPANTI (1)
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Anslie 6, Wilson 7, Raskopoulos 8, Jennings 8, Laing
7, Scott 5 (Palmer 80'), Eaton 5.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Barry 7, Russell 7, Prkalo 8,
Dugney 7, Byrne 7, Mariani 6 (Lindsay 58'), Hender-
son 8, Krncovic 8, Jankovic 8, Sharne 9.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 WEST ADELAIDE 1. Ratings by
Meno Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Perin 7,
Dodds 6, B. Nyekohus 7, Besir 6, Muniz 8, Northcote
6, Deans 7 (Mawo), J. Nyekohus 7, Kent 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Bozanic 6, Reynolds 7,
Tymczyszyn 8, Kambas 6, Jones 7, Boyle 6, Pillans
(McGregor 6), Norris 7, Kosmina 7, Honeyman 6.

APIA 3 v FOOTSCRAY 2 Ratings by Tony Raciti:

APIA: Woodhouse 7 — McGinn 7, Wilson 8,
Dempsey 9, Pullen 7 (Turnbull 69th) — Butler 7,
Carruthers 5 (O'Donnell 58th), Stone 6, Rampanti 9 —
Roberts 7, Reed 7.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 7 — Ristic 7, Jovicic 7, Kon-
darios 8, Lujic 7, Palinkas 7, Rujevic 7, Ollerton 8,
Iloski 7, Vasic 7 (Ristovski 65th), Picloane 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTED 4 v ST GEORGE 2. Ratings
by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE: Preston 7 (Injured, Dando 7 half
time) Willis 7, Drinkwater 9, Summerscales 7 (inj.,
Mason 7, 43rd), Curran 8, McClelland 7, Sneddon 7,
Cowburn 7, McBreen 7, Boden 8, Tredinnick 7.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Harris 7, Della Picca 7, Ut-
jesenovic 7, R. O'Shea 7, Katholos 6 (Grosse 7, half
time), Gnavi 6, J. O'Shea 7, T. Mihajlovic 7 (Morgan
79th) Hensman 7, Cotton 8.

CANBERRA 1 BRISBANE LIONS 2 Ratings by
Peter Windsor

CANBERRA CITY: Hozzowski 7, Moulis 7, Hogg 7,
Williams 7, Callaghan 7, Stark 7, Davies 8, Fielding 7
(Grulic 67th minute). Brown 7, Cant 7, Byrne 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7, Lawrie 7, Niven 7,
Spearritt 7 (Russell 45th minute 7), Bennett 8, Her-
miston 8, Fairbrother 8, Wallace 7 (Low 79th minute)
Wilson 7, Laszlo 7, Brennan 8.

HEIDELBERG 2 SYDNEY CITY 2. Ratings by
Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 Yankos 8, Provan 8,
Yzendoorn 8, Tansey 8, Taylor 7, Bannon 8, Rooney 8
(Paton 55th, 9) Campbell 8, Cole 5 (Bozikas 65th),
Buljevic 9.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8 Mullen 7, Tranter 8, O'-
Connor 9, Bruce 8 Barnes 8, Souness 8, Stevenson 7,
Watson 8, Smith 7, Borges 5 (Silva 57th).

BRISBANE CITY 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

CITY — Wishart 7, Perry 9, Ratcliffe 9, Potter 8,
Wilkinson 8, Gaffney 7, Pimblett 8, Coyne 7, Caldwell
6, Campbell 5 Low 6 (Kelso 59th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE — Hansen 7, Pye 7, Baxter 8,
Munro 7, Davidson 7, Wright (Kalafatis 6, 32nd),
Drakeford 8, Christopoulos 7, Lutton 6 (Cummings
80th) Evans 7, Campbell 7.

Leading averages:
8.0 Jankovic (Marc)

7.8 Tokesi (BC), Hermiston (BL), Pye (SM), S.O'-
Connor (SC) Crook (WA), Prkalo, Sharne (Marc),
Raskopoulos (SO).

7.7 Potter, Perry (BC), Byrne (Marc)

7.6 Wilkinson (BC), Davies (Can), Clarke (SC),
Meier, Jennings (SO)

7.5 Marshall (AC), Rampanti (APIA), Gaffney (BC),
Starke (Can), Kondorios (Foota), Watson (SC), Krnc-
vic, Henderson (Marc).

7.4 Woodhouse (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), Rooney,
Buljevic (H'berg), Boden (Newc), Baxter, Davidson
(SM), Bruce (SC).

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9. Smith (SC)

8. Low (BC)
7. Brennan (BL), Deans (AC)
6. Krnecovic (Marc), Drinkwater (Newc)
5. Eaton (SO), Watson (SC), Shorne (Marc), Picciano (Foot)
4. Morris (WA), Barnes (SC), Evans (SM), Hays (Newc), Kelso (BC)
3. Pillans, Kosmina (WA), Stevenson (SC), P.O'Connor, J.O'Shea (St. G), G. Byrne (Marc), Summerscales, Boden (Newc), Cole, Buljevic (H'berg), Reed (APIA), Ristovski (Foot), T. Byrne Grujicic (Can), J. Nyekohus, Northcote (AC)

Hellas v APIA Monday

South Melbourne's match against APIA will be played at Middle Park on Monday instead of Sunday.

The change was made necessary because Victorian State League club Hakoah had booked Middle Park for the Sunday.

Rejuvenated Footscray J.U.S.T. is well placed to return to the winning list against Newcastle KB United at Olympic Park on Sunday. Newcastle is hard-hit by injuries, with Jim Preston, Arno Bertogna, Graham Hays, Jim Seddon and Bill Summerscales all doubtful.

Weekend Philips League matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY v. Canberra City, Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm

MARCONI v. Heidelberg Utd, Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm

St. George v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC, St. George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v. ADELAIDE CITY, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE v. Brisbane City, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm

IN MELBOURNE

FOOTSCRAY v. Newcastle KB United, Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE v. APIA-Leichhardt, Middle Park, Monday 3 pm.



ABOVE: Sydney City star Steve O'Connor shields the ball from Heidelberg's scorer Jim Campbell.

BELOW: Sydney City players rejoice as Murray Barnes (No 8) puts the Slickers ahead 1-0. From left: Bob Provan, Barnes, Joe Watson, Borges, Terry Smith, Jim Campbell.



Slickers' goalkeeper Todd Clarke (right) is beaten but Heidelberg ace Jamie Paton (left) failed to score in this move.



Mark Trentor — at centre back in place of injured Eddie Thomson.

Avala wins thriller

NSW State League

A goalscoring spree highlighted by a thrilling second half ended with Avala storming home 4-3 against Melita Eagles in the Pepsi State League match at Knight Park.

Melita scored first in the 17th minute when Don Allan headed in from a Joe Farrugia cross.

Avala equalised four minutes later when Zoran Djuric collected the ball 18 metres out and beat advancing Don Smith in the Melita goal.

Two minutes later Avala went further ahead when Barry Young chipped the ball over keeper Smith from 10 metres.

Branko Kodor added another in the 40th minute when he scored from the rebound off another Young shot.

After 68 minutes Allan scored from another Farrugia cross and a minute later Avala netted again through Kodor, following a strong midfield run.

Joe Farrugia scored for Melita in the 70th minute from the penalty spot.

Competition leaders Croatia struggled to get their game together in defeating Yugal 2-0 at the Bankstown Soccer Centre.

It was the effervescent Atsi Abonyi who chased a ball to the goal line wide out on the left. Abonyi passed to Greg Smith whose curling cross left the defence stranded and Mick Farrugy drove the ball into the net from 16 metres out.

With 12 minutes of play remaining Walter Savor Mis-hit a shot towards goal.

The Yugal goalkeeper was unaided and the ball trickled into the corner of the net for Croatia's second goal to wrap up the game.

Sutherland dropped a valuable point in the race to cement a place in the top four, drawing 0-0 with Marickville, Olympic at Seymour Shaw Park.

The Greek club could thank goalkeeper El Zeln who time and time again saved impossible shots in the second half.

Ku-ring-gai continued its improved form over the past month by beating Manly 1-0 at Parklands Oval.

Ku-ring-gai's left winger Ken Smith made the most of a rare many defensive lapses to drive a 20m shot into the net at the 38th minute.

Second-placed Monaro had to battle long and hard before finally subduing the lowly Amcliffe Scots 2-1 at Hurstville Oval.

The winning goal came in the 81st minute when Sebastian Giampolo, brought on a minute earlier as a substitute, was fouled in the penalty area.

Walter Valeri made no mistake from the spot.

Amcliffe had taken a shock lead in the 22nd minute.

A move started in midfield culminated with Derek Sidy grabbing possession eight metres out and giving the goalkeeper no chance.

Tony Morosello equalised in the 37th minute following a bad mix-up in Amcliffe's defence.

Two goals within five minutes by Steve Montgomery gave Auburn a narrow but deserved victory over Parramatta City at Gerald Park.

Auburn won 2-1 in a hard fought traditional "Derby" between the two clubs.

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Smith) d MANLY 0, at Parklands Oval. Crowd: 281.

MONARO 2 (Morosello, Valeri) d ARNCLIFFE SCOTS (Sider), at Hurstville. Crowd: 275.

SUTHERLAND 0 drew with MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 0, at Seymour Shaw Park. Crowd: 910.

AUBURN 2 (Montgomery 2) d PARRAMATTA CITY 1 (Harvey), at Gerald Park. Crowd: 221.

BANKSTOWN 1 (Daly) d TOONGABBIE 0, at Toongabbie. Crowd: 435.

CROATIA 2 (Farrugy, Savor) d YUGAL 0, at Bankstown. Crowd: 4500.

AVALA 4 (Kodor 2, Duricic, Young) d MELITA EAGLES 3 (Allan 2, J. Farrugia), at Knight park. Crowd: 3850.

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Inter-Monaro 7 3 2 30 18 17

Sutherland 5 4 3 24 14 14

Melita Eagles 4 5 2 19 13 13

Avala 6 1 5 19 22 13

Toongabbie 4 4 4 20 12

Ku-ring-gai 3 6 3 14 19 12

Myville Olympic 4 3 5 18 18 11

Bankstown 4 3 5 13 14 11

Auburn 4 3 5 23 25 11

Parramatta 5 0 7 13 24 10

Manly 3 2 7 11 17 8

Amcliffe Scots 2 3 7 10 21 7

Yugal 2 2 7 11 19 6

Top scorers:

15. Valeri (IM)

10. Hall (Suth)

9. Abonyi (Cr) Allan (ME), Montgomery (Aub)

8. Fisher (Toon)

7. Beggs (Suth), Savor (Cr), Daley (Bank)

5. T. Morosello (IM), Ramiach (MO), Jack (Man), Kovacic (Cr), Firrell (KRG), Brown (MO).

Midfielders John McDonald and Vic Jachniewicz, won a feast of the ball for Auburn but the forwards could not finish.

In the 50th minute midfielder Horace Ruiz chipped the ball into the middle for Montgomery to head into the net from 15 metres.

Within five minutes Auburn was further ahead when Montgomery slammed a perfect pass from Jachniewicz into the net.

Parramatta narrowed the gap when, in one of their rare ventures up front, David Harvey scored with a header in the 75th minute.

An 85th minute goal by Dennis Daly gave Bankstown a 1-0 victory over Toongabbie in the match at Gable Stadium.

Daly latched onto a back pass and slid it past the keeper.

Toongabbie had the best of the first half with Dave Harding and Jim Iratt pressing the brittle Bankstown defence.

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The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is YANKA BANOVIC of Heidelberg. Martyn Creek leads in the voting.



Player of the match, Branko Buljevic (right) tussles with Kevin Mullen (left) and Mark Trentor. In the background is John Stevenson. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

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HUGHES' SUCCESSOR IS \$350,000 AVI COHEN

From JIM COOK,
our European correspondent

Avi Cohen, the Israeli international defender, signed for Liverpool for a 200,000 pound fee (about \$350,000) — then played one half for his country and the second half for his new club in a 3-3 draw in a friendly match in Tel Aviv.

The man Cohen will replace in the Liverpool squad — Emlyn Hughes — may join Bristol City as a player/coach.

If Hughes joins Bristol he will form an awesome defensive partnership with Norman Hunter, the former Leeds Utd. star.

When Rangers beat Hibs 3-2 in the second replay after extra time of the Scottish Cup it created a record of being the longest running final in the history of the competition.

Spanish club Bilbao, keen to have a British manager, has had talks with Bill McGarry, boss of Newcastle United. Bobby Moore and Frank O'Farrell have also been linked with Bilbao.

Cventry City is laying 22 miles of underground heating cable at a cost of 42,000 pounds to beat the British winter.

Kenny Dalgleish, still only 27, has played a record 62 times for Scotland. Dalgleish says that next season his club Liverpool will be chasing the treble — League, FA Cup and European Cup.

Geoff Hurst, as expected, has joined Chelsea as chief coach. He will join Danny Blanchflower's set-up at Stamford Bridge when his contract with non-league side — Telford United finishes this month.

Former England skipper Gerry Francis moved along the road from QPR to promoted Crystal Palace for 465,000 pounds.

New York Cosmos wanted to borrow Coventry's Steve Hunt for the summer and offered 25,000 pounds, but Coventry want 60,000 pounds.

Pop Robson, the West Ham veteran now back up north, is likely to sign for Sunderland. This will disappoint its rival — Newcastle United.

Ian Greaves, the Bolton manager, was offered the lucrative Sunderland post but turned it down. Sunderland, which axed caretaker-manager Billy Elliott, is having difficulty attracting a top name manager.

I was not surprised to hear New South Wales thrash me-

Tommy Docherty failed in a bid to sign David McCreery of Manchester City after the clubs agreed on a figure of 175,000 pounds. McCreery from Belfast was signed by the new QPR boss at Manchester United but doesn't want to leave Manchester. Now Docherty is likely to bid for Coventry and Welsh international Terry Yorath (29). But Spurs, Newcastle and Swansea are all in the chase for Yorath as well.

Paul Hegarty who had a disappointing debut for Scotland against Wales, is Scotland's Player of the Year. Hegarty joined Dundee United four years ago from Dumbarton for the bargain price of 40,000 pounds.

Tottenham Hotspur players are seeing the world. They have been playing in the Middle East, Japan and Bermuda. Southampton has been playing in Egypt.

Trevor Brooking, the West Ham and England star, won't be leaving his club despite the fact it missed promotion by a whisker. Brooking has signed another year's contract with the Hammers.

Notts Forest players got 1000 pounds apiece for beating West Bromwich Albion and finishing runners-up to Liverpool.

A Chinese soccer team will play four friendlies in Britain during early August. The People's Republic of China national XI will meet West Brom, Middlesboro, Celtic and a London side.

Les Cocker, who was assistant to Don Revie with the England team and went with him to UAR, is quitting desert soccer and returning home next month.

Celtic's 31st championship win was a personal triumph for their former long-serving player and many times Scottish internationalist Billy McNeill. McNeill took over the mantle of Jock Stein a year ago after having bossed Clyde and then Aberdeen since his retirement from playing less than three years ago.

Kevin Keegan, European player of the year, has branched into a new field. He has just cut his first disc as a singer. It's called "Head Over Heels in Love".

Mike Flanagan, the Charlton under 23 England striker who has been at loggerheads with the club for many months, has angered manager Andy Nelson by turning down the 750,000 pounds offer by Manchester City. Flanagan wants to stay in the south and his hopes now rest with an offer likely to be made by promoted Crystal Palace which won't, however, fork out 750,000 pounds.

Jack Stein the Scottish manager, has lashed out at Gordon McQueen and Joe Jordan. Not sparing the rod, Jock says that McQueen must use his experience and is not there to score goals but lie back and tackle. On Jordan he says: "If Joe is to have a long career... he must realise he's not just there to get on the end of high balls."

Originally, Argentina's manager had excluded Mario Kempes, Osvaldo Ardiles and Daniel Bertoni from his team which met Holland in the 'replay' of the 1978 World Cup in Bernie to celebrate the 75th anniversary of FIFA.

But FIFA's Brazilian president Joao Havelange had other ideas and insisted they be included in the Argentine line-up.

Leeds United has completed the 400,000 pounds transfer of Swansea striker Alan Curtis. The fee is a record for a player outside the First Division.

Dave Watson, the Manchester City and England centre back, has joined the three other City players Asa Hartford, Peter Barnes and Gary Owen for sale.

World Cup film is rejected by FIFA

THE OFFICIAL film of the 1978 World Cup in Argentina may never be shown. FIFA, the rulers of world football, don't like it.

Rene Courte, the FIFA Press relations officer, said: "FIFA does not approve the film."

"It is too political. It is not in favour of football and it concentrates primarily on the unruly behaviour of players on the field of play. It is also too sharp in its commentary," President Joao Havelange, who saw the film with

the rest of the FIFA officials, has instructed secretary Helmut Kessler to tell the Brazilian firm which made the film that it is not acceptable.

The film also highlights the unruly behaviour of some Scottish fans and the unhappy moments of Willie Johnston's packing off home after the drugs scandal.



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To the editor...

'City' is boring

SIR, — Johnny Warren's article on United States soccer was an eye-opener. Sure the Americans can go overboard on razzmatazz, but one thing you can't knock is the exciting names of the clubs.

What a contrast to old Aussie, where every third club seems hung up on the dull appendage 'City'.

Minnesota Kicks, New York Cosmos, Collingwood City, Caulfield City, Essendon City, Chicago Sting, L.A. Aztecs, Sandringham City, Frankston City, Prahran City, Hurricanes, Rowdies, Dandenong City, Sunshine City, Croydon City, Geez, fellas, show some imagination.

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Orange is mascot

MADRID — "Naranjito" a smiling orange dressed in the red and blue of Spain's national football team, will be the official Mascot of the 1982 World Cup finals.

"Naranjito" — which means little orange in Spanish — was chosen from 400 entries and wins the Seville advertising agency which designed it a prize of one million pesetas (1,000,000 Spanish dollars).

Selection of the mascot was the main outcome of the Spanish World Cup organising committee's fifth meeting last week.

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PETER BLASBY — joined Croatia early this season in a package deal which saw \$15,000 Yaka Banovic go to Heidelberg Utd. Blasby had been with Heidelberg for three years after joining the club from Frankston Pines. The lanky goalkeeper represented the Philips League in a charity game against the Victorian State League last season.

GRANT SMART — right back Smart joined Croatia in 1977 from Scottish League club Montrose. Has won State League championship, Ampol Cup and State League Cup medals with Croatia and has been a consistent player in defence. Has been nicknamed "Maxwell" by team mates.

STEVE SHORT — transferred from Slavia this season for a fee believed to be about \$5,000. Joined Slavia from a minor Liverpool club after once being on the books of Everton. He is currently in the Victorian squad as a full back, but plays sweeper for Croatia. To show his versatility, he played midfield for Slavia last season.

STEVE KOKOSKA — represented Australia and Victoria after graduating through Sunshine City's juniors. The Australian-born stopper is a giant on the field, one of the toughest men around. He transferred to Croatia from Sunshine in 1977 for \$7,000.

ANTE BILAUER — played a big part in the climb of Essendon back into the State League with his tenacious play at full back. A regular over many years.

KEITH ADAMS — transferred to Croatia from Ringwood City this season for a fee of about \$2,000. A tough, non-stop fighter, Adams played in midfield, but is equally at home at full back.

ALAN KERR — a rugged midfielder, is a much-travelled player. Early in his career he was with Sheffield Wednesday, Notts County and non-

league Enderby Town before coming to Australia to play in Perth. He switched from Croatia Perth to Essendon in 1977, and represented Victoria in 1978.

HOWARD ANDREWS — transferred to Croatia in a package deal which involved John Gardiner going to South Melbourne in 1977. Before joining Souths he played in South Africa with Durban Utd. A midfielder, he is fighting for a place in the team after being a regular in the 1978 championship-winning side.

TOMMY CUMMING — represented Victoria in 1978 and is in Len McKendry's 1979 squad. His dazzling wing play earned him the attention of national coach Rudi Gutendorf but visa problems could stand in his way. Transferred to Croatia for \$6,000 in 1978 after spending two seasons with Sunshine. Played with Johnstone Borough in Scotland.

KEN MURPHY — played with Forfar Athletic and Dundee Utd. in Scotland before joining Croatia in 1976. He is a natural striker with a powerful shot, and a tremendous work rate.

CARL GILDER — the fourth member of the Croatia team in the State squad. He was living in the shadow of Eddie Krncevic for most of last season but showed his class in the State League Cup series. He transferred from Slavia for about \$3,000 midway through 1978. A target man, he has scored many goals this season.

BRANKO CULINA — is the idol of the Croatian fans. He played with Croatia as a junior but left for St. Albans when Croatia was expelled. He gained considerable experience at St. Albans, and returned to help Essendon Croatia fight its way back into the State League. He also had a spell with Juventus.

Croatia v Makedonia, Swap

By KYLE PATTERSON

Two of the most feared players in the Victorian State League will miss the match of the year between Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia.

Croatia's dynamic leader Alan Kerr, feared because of his ferocious tackling, has been sidelined by a recurring knee injury.

Kerr is facing an operation on a knee cartilage and at least four months out of soccer.

George McMillan, the Makedonia striker nicknamed "macho man" because of his tireless and powerful running, also has a knee injury and has virtually no chance of recovering in time for the big match.

McMillan, who often shrugs off

injuries which sideline lesser men, has carried the troublesome injury for the past month but now it has got the better of him.

The absence of Kerr and McMillan, who are former Victorian State team mates will change the complexion of the crucial match.

Both coaches — Tony Vrzina of Makedonia and Brian Edgley of Croatia — must work to overcome the loss of the key players. The team which compensates best for its loss has a great advantage.



Alan Kerr

Unless McMillan stages a remarkable recovery, the number nine Preston shirt will go to Ian Tuffield, the former Box Hill striker.

And at Croatia, experienced linkman Howard Andrews will step into the team. Edgley may also switch Ken Murphy from a central striker role into midfield to boost that department.

The loss of Kerr means much to Croatia. When fit, Kerr is an effective midfield destroyer and makes Croatia so much tighter in defence, with Kerr breaking

McMilla Kerr to the big

down moves in midfield, the defence has less pressure.

Kerr is a great winner of the ball and gives players around him plenty of possession. He is a forceful player with the ability to "burst" through and create openings.

Having Kerr in its line-up was always a psychological advantage to Croatia because the big Scot was feared by opponents. Also, his fanatical style was a great inspiration.

Without him, Croatia will be forced to draft a third player into the midfield whereas the team has been playing a 4-2-4 formation. Murphy is the player who will drop back but this robs Croatia of firepower up front.



Tommy Cumming (Above, left) races past Sandy Irvine of Frankston.

Above right: Carl Gilder challenges Juventus goalkeeper Roberto Terzini.



We need more players: Edgley

Brian Edgley

Essendon Croatia coach Brian Edgley has complained that the club ignored his calls for more players to strengthen his playing staff.

Edgley said never before had he coached a team with such a small squad.

"I've been working with only 12 first team players," said Brian, "and even then players have been carrying injuries. Every week we've had headaches wondering if we'll have 11 fit players."

"Croatia has been operating with the bare minimum of top-line players. If we get hit by injury, the team will be in all sorts of trouble. If Essendon hopes to retain the State League championship, we must have the depth to ride injuries but the club has constantly refused to buy players."

"Soccer Action" followed up the matter with Croatia manager Frank Baur.

"The Croatia committee decided early this season that our young players should be given a chance," said Baur. "At present our reserves are on top of their league with the oldest player being 23 years. We have some good young players in the club."

Also, Croatia doesn't have the resources to buy when clubs demand \$10,000 for good players."

Edgley said using young and untried players in a team trying to stay at the top was impractical.

"If the club decides to put young players into the first team and Croatia doesn't win any honors," said Brian, "the blame falls on me."

"Last season, Croatia had 18 first team players. There was competition for places

and depth to ride injuries. Croatia won three trophies last season.

"Now we are down to 12 first team players. Edgley said the clubs trying to wrest the championship from Croatia — Frankston City, Preston Makedonia, Hakoah St. Kilda, Prahran Slavia, and Croydon City — had all added players to their squads this season.

"Croatia lost six players from the 1978 team," said Brian, "but has bought only two — Steve Short from Slavia and Keith Adams from Ringwood City."

The players Croatia lost are: Yaka Banovic (Heidelberg), John Gardiner (transfer-listed), Bill Vojtek (Green Gully Ajax), Zjelko Lesan (Adelaide Croatia, now Adelaide Azzurri), Brian Davidson (Tasmania) and Eddie Krncevic (Marconi).

Howard Andrews has missed many games this season because of business commitments. The Essendon Croatia team of 1979 presents Edgley with his best chance of coaching a championship-winning team since he led Mooroolbark Utd. to the Victorian First Division title in 1974.

Edgley coached Ringwood City, Mooroolbark (twice), South Melbourne Hellas, Doveton and Frankston City before joining Essendon Croatia.

Because it's only his first season with Croatia, he hasn't been affected by the fierce rivalry between Croatia and Preston Makedonia, but he concedes the game has a big bearing on the championship race.

"Croatia and Preston can't afford to drop points," he said, "and so the game will be hard fought. Croatia is yet to reach its peak but still has the ability to take two points."

"We've been moving the ball well lately, and

I think this will catch Preston out. Once we get into our opponents' half we move the ball quickly and accurately and that's our strength."

Edgley named five players who were vital to the smooth running of the Croatia machine.

"In defence Steve Short and Steve Kokoska are important players," said Brian, "and up front Tommy Cumming, Carl Gilder and Ken Murphy are damaging strikers."

Cumming has a marvellous work-rate and gives us drive in the midfield as well as being a striker. I changed his style from last season and he accepted the challenge with determination."

"Murphy was a winger or midfielder last season, but I've used him as a central striker. In this position he's a valuable player and has helped take a load off Carl. Gilder is keen to score goals and has worked hard at training."

Although Essendon has a well-balanced forward line the midfield is a trouble spot.

"I'll admit we are vulnerable in midfield," said Edgley. "I may have to bring Murphy back into this area to give us a boost."

Edgley said that while Makedonia was good as an attacking unit, the defence may not be able to hold the Croatia forwards.

"Makedonia's full backs like to attack," he said, "but our forwards need only an inch to create trouble."

Edgley said he could be forced to make a last-minute change to the Croatia 4-2-4 formation which has proved so effective this season.

"But whatever system we use," he said, "I think we can win the game. I just hope we have 11 fit players out on the park against Preston Makedonia."



Peter Blasby

Crowd can learn

Tradition is the most formidable barrier facing Preston Makedonia in its crucial clash with Essendon Croatia.

That's the opinion of Makedonia's manager/coach Tony Vrzina, who well knows the fierce rivalry between the two clubs.

Vrzina spent seven seasons with Melbourne Croatia and three years with Essendon Croatia before being appointed to his present position with Makedonia in September, 1978.

"Croatia has an advantage over Makedonia because traditionally Croatia comes out on top in these matches," said Tony. "Regardless of form or league position, Croatia has a habit of winning these games."

"Last season for example, Croatia and Makedonia played four times with Essendon, winning three and drawing one game. Makedonia was runner-up in the Ampol Cup and runner-up in the championship."

"Croatia has been a bogey team to Makedonia and so we must break this tradition."

While Essendon Croatia has maintained a fairly stable combination, Preston Makedonia has only three regular players from last season. This presents advantages as well as disadvantages to Preston said Vrzina.

"Because we have so many new players," he said, "the team will reach

its peak in the months to come. This doesn't help us now, because we are facing a team that has been together for some time. Our new boys are yet to blend together."

"But having so many new players could be an advantage. The new players aren't so involved in the rivalry and will not be worrying about past games. This gives us a great chance to break the tradition and go on and take the league championship off Essendon Croatia."

As is the case in most local derbies, it's the supporters who generate most of the rivalry and atmosphere.

Vrzina said the crowd has a big bearing on the result of such matches and made a plea to the supporters of Makedonia.

"Makedonia has the biggest support in the State League," said Vrzina, "but at this stage Croatia has the best support."

"I remember early this season when Croatia was hammered by Green Gully Ajax. Croatia was losing 1-4, but still the chant of 'Croatia, Croatia' could be heard."

"Even when the score was 1-5, the Croatian supporters still cheered when their team attacked."

"Makedonia's large support doesn't have the same spirit as Croatia's fans. If the team doesn't do so well, the supporters will lose interest. But a great team has great supporters. I want the Makedonians to get right behind our team and then we will be on the road to success."

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Robert CULLEN

Ian TUFFIELD

Garry WARD

LOU KASTNER — His long association with George Cross ended after a legal battle to win a clearance. Then Lou's career in top soccer moved over when his new club Kellor Austria dropped into the Second Division last season. But a \$3,000 transfer took Lou to Preston and back to the top. He has represented Victoria and Australia during his distinguished career as a goalkeeper.

GARRY CLAYTON — recently joined Makedonia from Dunstable Town (England) as a backup to Kastner. The 24-year-old previously played in Rhodesia's national league and had representative games there.

MIKE RAINEY — crossed from Hakoah for \$2,750 after a dispute there. Joined Preston early this season and has been a regular at right back. He played with Dumbarton and Clydebank in Scotland and was 1977 "Soccer Action" State League player of the year. Has played for a Victorian XI.

DAVE GARTHWAITE — transferred from Ringwood City for \$2,500 at the start of this season. Played with Sheffield Wednesday in England before joining Ringwood City in 1972. A centre half, he was voted third in the 1978 Bill Fleming medal.

JOHN HIGHAM — joined Makedonia from Southport (England) in March. The sweeper played with Liverpool reserves and has fitted well into the Preston defence.

STEVE BEECH — is Makedonia's longest-serving player after joining the club in 1976. He played with Ashton Utd. in England and alternated between wing and full back before settling in the defensive post. His attacking play from full back earned him selection in a Victorian XI.

GORDON FLAVELLE — was imported from Scotland as a centre half but has been forced to play in midfield. His last club was Albion Rovers (Scotland) and he also played with Hearts and Airdrie. Joined the club in March.

JEFF FAULKNER — joined Makedonia midway through 1978 as a striker but has gained considerable success after switching to midfield. He was a part-time professional with Kettering Town before coming to Australia.

ERIC LESBIREL — captain of Makedonia and joined early in 1978. He was playing in New Zealand with Wellington before coming to Australia. A midfielder, he represented New Zealand four times and was player/coach of Makedonia for part of last season.

ROBERT CULLEN — transferred to Makedonia early this season for \$7,000 after a turbulent career with George Cross. Before joining George Cross in 1976 he played in the junior ranks in Scotland. He's a striker and scored a record four goals in the State League Cup last season against Makedonia.

GEORGE McMILLAN — one of only a few players to have represented two States — Western Australia 26 times and Victoria once. Transferred to Preston from Essendon Croatia in 1978 for \$5,000 which went to the WA club which had "leased out" McMILLAN. The all-action striker won Makedonia's best and fairest award last season.

GARRY WARD — made an immediate impact with Makedonia, scoring two goals in his debut. He joined the club in April after previously playing with Dunstable Town (England) and Vancouver Whitecaps (NASL). He's the club's top goalscorer.

IAN TUFFIELD — joined Makedonia from Box Hill for \$3,000 earlier this season. The young striker has played several first team games and has great ability in the air. Played as a junior with Doncaster Rovers.

STEWART CUNNINGHAM — joined Makedonia recently from English club Lesmanagow. The midfielder was on the books of Derby County and could force his way into the Preston team after settling into his new surroundings.

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George McMillan

when a man stays close to him, his speed off the mark is blistering, and he'll often break free.

It's in the attacking third of the field when defences consist of six and seven players that McMillan, with speed and strength, can penetrate.

Tuffield, by contrast, is a target striker who stays central with the aim of knocking on balls for supporting strikers or midfielders. The Makedonia game is based mainly on quick attacks using long balls to utilise the pace of Robert Cullen and

George McMillan, so the inclusion of Tuffield will bring changes in the style.

With McMillan a non-starter, Makedonia will concentrate on attacking down the flanks. Here, the team has an edge.

Full backs Steve Beech and Mike Rainey are vital attacking players and a great percentage of forward passes into attack come from these two.

Both like going forward and provide excellent service to Cullen and Gary Ward, the Makedonia Strikers who play wide.

Croatia must combat this strength, or be ripped apart. Essendon's game revolves a great deal around Carl Gilder. The strategy is to get the ball to Gilder, who can hold possession while the team moves out of defence or lay off a pass to a supporting player.

Often Tommy Cumming will drop back into midfield and then work the ball forward to Gilder. However, with Murphy back in midfield, Croatia may lack someone to capitalise on Gilder's good work.

If Gilder doesn't have a player working close to him, his job becomes hard. Dave Garthwaite will be assigned the task of marking Gilder, and if John Higham has no-one

to mark, Gilder will be facing two defenders.

So Brian Edgley has an important decision to make. Does he leave Murphy up front where he has worked so well, or draft him into the midfield?

I think he may be forced to drop Murphy back into midfield, because the combination of Keith Adams and Howard Andrews is not strong enough to compete with Makedonia's Jeff Faulker, Eric Lesbirel and Gordon Flavelle.

Still midfielders will not have a great bearing on the match. Makedonia's key men are Beech, Rainey, Cullen and Ward, while Croatia's prime movers will be Cumming, Gilder and Murphy.

In defence, Croatia comes out on top because of the partnership between State players Steve Kokoska and Steve Short. The powerful Kokoska is a driving force for Croatia, and dominates in the air.

Short has been played consistently well as a sweeper and has admirable creative as well as defensive qualities.

Ante Blavcar is a non-stop player at left back and Grant Smart a consistent performer at right back. But can they stop Ward and Cullen? I don't think so.

from Croatia

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murphy is an explosive player. He pick up loose balls and fire pow- shots at goal. He's also pretty co my players will have to watch or him.

Blavcar and Culina are good ys for different reasons. Branko be quiet for a while, but still come the game and win the match. is a solid player who gives 100% zina said the strength of the ia team is in its individuals.

I think Makedonia is playing or as a team," he said. otia hasn't rediscovered the n work which won it the nship, but is dangerous use of the skilful individuals it

ne duels between Tommy ming and Steve Beech of Pre- , and Carl Gilder and Dave Gar- ie of Preston would be highlights e game, he added.

Croatia will have its hands full with er Cullen and Gary Ward and 'duels with the defenders will be exciting."

zina said Makedonia's strength on the flanks.

Jur full backs Steve Beech and a Rainey give excellent support to d and Cullen," said Tony; and

often move up into attack. Our players break well down the wings.

Both teams lacked a bit of strength in midfield according to Vrzina, but Makedonia, with Jeff Faulker and Eric Lesbirel, could win this department.

Vrzina, naturally, is confident of victory and also hopes to win the State League championship.

He concluded: "If we lose, it will not affect us as much as it would Croatia. Of course we are just as determined to win as Croatia, but even so, the future of Makedonia goes a lot further than two weeks. We have a top ground which will become a fine sports complex, first class administration and one day a magnificent social club. We are building a tradition."

Experts split

"Soccer Action's" expert panel ant to discuss the vital game but couldn't come to agreement.

The panel of Laurie Schwab, Bill Vojtek, Freddy Bunce and Kyle Patterson were split, which may be an omen. Will the game be a draw?

This is how the panel voted. SCHWAB — MAKEDONIA VOJTEK — CROATIA PATTERSON — MAKEDONIA BUNCE — CROATIA.

Above left: Robert Cullen.
Above right: Gary Ward. Above centre: John Higham.

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"By doing that, Gardiner wasn't able to pick up balls from the goalkeeper and start moves, which is what he liked doing. That broke Croatia's rhythm and forced them into playing high balls out of defence."

"I don't know if Croatia still plays like this. Gardiner has gone and I haven't seen Croatia play since the Ampol Cup. But still, the way to beat Croatia and Makedonia for that matter, is to attack and restrict them from coming forward the way they like."

Croatia defeated Frankston 2-0 in the Ampol Cup earlier in the year.

"Over-confidence killed us that night," said Bunce.

Frankston played Makedonia last week and Bunce made several observations.

"Makedonia's attack is obviously dangerous," he said; "but in defence I think the team is shaky."

"Dave Garthwaite tends to lose concentration and generally, the back four lacks pace."

"The full backs, Mike Rainey and Steve Beech, like to come

forward but we tried to pressure them and restrict their forward movements."

And what of Bunce's team, which has surprised many opponents this season.

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THE JUNIOR SCENE

Northerners are back

The globetrotting Northern NSW junior team is back from a month-long tour of the United States.

The boys lost only one of 10 matches on the tour, for which \$28,000 had to be raised to cover expenses.

Among the tourists was Andrew Stowell, son of Melita Eagles coach Bruce Stowell, who won 'Soccer Action's' 1976 Player of the Year award while with Pan Hellenic.

The touring squad, coached by Roger Smith and managed by Cess Spinks, both from the Central Coast Association was Craig Hamshaw, Chris McPherson, Peter Leeson (Richmond-Tweed Association), Chris Miner (capt), John Bieff, Troy Scottman, Mark Gagger (Macquarie), Garry Phillips (vice-capt) (Northern Rivers), Darren Taylor (Newcastle), Nigel Drysdale, Andrew Stowell, Jeremy English, Mark Spinks (Central Coast), Garry Mungovern, David Hunt (Hunter District).

U.15 squad

The following players have been selected to represent Victoria in the under 15 National Titles to be held in Perth, W.A. from August 31 to September 8.

1. Lou Petrov (Heidelberg) 2. Craig Heam (Waverley City) 3. Chris Tsalas (Hellas) 4. Mark Krennan (Box Hill) 5. Danny Bannan (Ajax) 6. Jim Belovski (Preston) 7. John Mihalidis (Heidelberg) 8. Ian Roadhouse (Box Hill) 9. Robbie Metachian (Hellas) 10. Vlado Bozicevic (Melbourne) 11. Ignatius Amanatidis (Heidelberg) 12. Bill Bozias (St. Albans) 13. Chris Genik (Kellor Australia) 14. Tom Talle (Thornhill) 15. Guy Bakker (Nunawading) 16. Osman Latif (JUST).
Coach: Tom Neillggin, Manager: Ken Slack.

Like to live in Qld?

Former Slavia (Vic) stars Ian Livingstone and Billy Cook who are coaching Across The Weives, have issued a call for players to join the Bundaberg club which plays in the Queensland State League.

Players interested in joining Across The Weives should contact John Innes on Melbourne (03) 397 8093. He will pass the message on to Livingstone and Cook.



Nunawading under 9 Leopards, standing from left: Steve McGuire, Ray Jardine, Neil Horn, Steve Milenos, Robbie James, Colin Scott, Gavin England. Front: Andrew Nicholson, Jason Donelan, Glenn Boyd, Piers Clarke, Shane Dawson, Michael Thomas, Graham Coombes, Matthew Pill. Rear: coach Tommy Scott.

Tommy Scott, coach of Nunawading (Vic) under 9 Leopards, has introduced a novel incentive scheme for the boys.

He has introduced a special 'Leopards' jersey' which is awarded every week to the boy who tries hardest. The jersey stays with the boy for the week and is handed on to the next winner.

Scott explains that the weekly winner does not necessarily have

Incentive

to score goals or be the best player of the match.

"He may touch the ball only a few times but it's the way he does it that counts. It may also be for a great run or some other special achievement," Scott says.

Every member of the Leopards squad plays in every game — as it should be. No-one stands around patiently only to have his hopes dashed by being told he won't get a run after all.

Up to last weekend, the boys had won four games, drawn two and lost two. The squad consists of 11 'oldies' who played last year, three new local boys one from Queensland — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Those boys are the best in their age group in Victoria. They are the Central Region team which won the recent Victorian under 15 representative championship, scoring 22 to three in five games.

Back row, from left: Mario Viggiani (mana-

ger), Robert Beitaki, Tiger Amanatidis, John Elencovski, John Mihalidis, Chris Tsalas, Jim Belovski, Bill Elencovski (coach). Front: Vlado Bozicevic, Marco Dizio, Lou Petrov, Kenny Harrison, Graham Haslam, Nigel Yates. Missing: Daniel Zemunik, John Ferrer.

Croatia — it's official

The Victorian Soccer Federation has finally yielded to Croatia soccer club, and in so doing, has confused the ethnic names issue.

The VSF hierarchy has ruled that the appendage 'Croatia' be added to Essendon as the official name of the State League club.

The Essendon club has been called 'Croatia' for several seasons by fans and by most soccer writers. However, the VSF refused to acknowledge this name as it had banned the original Croatia club in 1972.

The recent about face by the VSF is aimed at sorting out the confusion. Listen to conversations about Essendon and you would probably hear the club called 'Lions', 'Croatia' or 'Essendon'. Essendon Croatia is now a bona fide name, but now the whole question of ethnic names comes to the fore.

Why has the VSF approved an ethnic name for a club after suppressing the use of such names in the Metropolitan League?

State Federations, following the lead of Sir Arthur George, the Australian Soccer Federation president, have been slowly phasing out the use of ethnic names.

Croatia has now turned a full circle since its expulsion. The club re-appeared as Essendon Lions in 1974, was later known simply as Essendon, and now has regained its former identity.



Martin Peters

So long, Martin

Frankston will farewell guest player Martin Peters on Friday night with a function in the clubrooms at Centenary Park.

Peters plays his last game with Frankston on Sunday at Centenary Park against Altona.

Peters, the former England World Cup and Spurs star, will then have played five games with Frankston.

But while Frankston's supporters, officials and players bid fare-

well to Martin, they will rejoice at news on Eamon Bannon.

Bannon, the Chelsea (England) midfielder and brother of Frankston's Vince and Pat Bannon, may have his guest player stay with the club extended.

He was originally booked for three games, but may play an additional two games. This would be a great boost for Frankston.

Bannon transferred from Hearts (Scotland) to Chelsea for \$350,000 earlier this year.

\$1000 buy

George Cross has bought Prahara Slavia defender Ian Runcie for a fee reported to be in the region of \$1000.

Runcie, who didn't play first team soccer with Slavia, made his debut for George Cross against Sunshine City.

Runcie came to Australia from Great Britain earlier this season.

George Cross will be without goalkeeper Gerry Rice for a while as he is returning to England because of sickness in his family.

George Walters of Altona City will be unavailable for several weeks for personal reasons.

George Cross will continue to search the transfer market in a bid to bolster its ailing team.



Geoff Pegg

Croydon protests

Croydon City will appeal against a VSF decision not to allow the club to stage a celebrity game.

The VSF turned down Croydon's request for permission to stage the game because it would clash with other State League games.

But Croydon president Geoff Pegg argues that the proposed match would not affect attendances at other State League games — and that the celebrity game would give Croydon the opportunity to promote soccer in the area.

Croydon maintains fans of other State League clubs wouldn't desert their team to watch an Entertainers' XI take on Croydon City.

Croydon spokesman Dave Sims was angry at the VSF for its stand, saying the affair was "a little pathetic".

The Entertainers' XI would include the likes of Stan Munro, the female impersonator, and wrestler Mario Milano.

What happens to Tony Gatt?

Albion Rovers has signed Footscray JUST full back Paul Hyne, the last member of a 'rebel' group to leave the Phillips League club.

Hyne transferred to Albion on a free transfer, but the club had to undertake responsibility for Hyne under Immigration Department laws.

Hyne, along with goalkeeper Mike O'Hara and midfielder Steve Carpenter, won clearances in and out-of-court settlement with Footscray.

Carpenter and O'Hara joined Hakoah, but the transfers of all three players are subject to the result of a court case in which Footscray will attempt to bring legal action against the players.

JUST was hopeful other clubs would ignore the players, as the battle between the two parties is far from over.

Even more painful for JUST is the fact it receives no transfer fees for the players. O'Hara cost the club \$3,000, and Hyne and Carpenter were part of an expensive, but unsuccessful recruiting scheme.

Hyne is the second full back Albion has bought in the past fortnight. Joe Thompson crossed from Green Gully for \$500.

This leaves young, promising defender Tony Gatt high and dry. Gatt played several games at the start of the season, but looks destined to spend the rest of the season in the reserve team, despite his great potential.



Paul Hyne

THEY'RE AVAILABLE

The official Victorian Soccer Federation transfer list for June is:

Name of Player	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Residency Qualification	Transfer Fee Required	Present Club	Present Club Contact
C. Petrov		Greece	Asst. Citizen	\$2,500	Preston	T. Vozina
P. Glavan		New Zealand	Temporary	\$2,000	Preston	311 0801
B. Flaherty		England	Temporary	\$3,000	Preston	or
C. McIlford		England	Temporary	\$4,000	Preston	J. Anton
C. Glavan		England	Temporary	\$4,000	Preston	314 7051
V. Mergo		Malta	Permanent	\$750	G. Gully	G. Spieris
M. Kuznetsov		Yugoslavia	Permanent	\$5,000	Kellor	A. Carr
M. Puggi		Chile	Permanent	\$750	Kellor	A. Carr
F. Schel		Germany	Permanent	\$500	Kellor	A. Carr
L. Aguirre		Uruguay	Permanent	\$1,000	Kellor	A. Carr
F. Cardenas		Chile	Permanent	\$375	Kellor	A. Carr
N. Meneas		Uruguay	Permanent	\$1,500	Kellor	A. Carr
K. Walker	16.9.45	U.K.	Permanent	\$3,000	G. Cross	Club
P. Murphy	6.9.48	U.K.	Permanent	\$6,000	G. Cross	Club
P. Ebini	30.6.53	U.K.	Temporary	\$3,000	G. Cross	Club
R. Morton	6.10.50	Ireland	Citizen	\$1,500	Waverley	R. Wardell
C. Smith		Scotland	Temporary	\$3,000	Juventus	Club
R. Ames		Scotland	Permanent	\$1,000	Waverley	J. Scott

From page 6

54th: Jim Campbell goes on a great solo run through the middle and his 20-metre shot takes a bounce which deceives Todd Clark. 1-1.

69th: Andrew Bozias plays the ball from the right wing. Paton chases furiously, past the far post and hooks the ball stylishly back into the opposite corner. 2-1.

80th: A quick City break sees Stevenson cutting the ball square to Terry Smith who slots it home. Ken Taylor tried in vain to clear off the line. 2-2.

Other highlights:
9th: Buljevic and Cole play a one-two on the left flank. Buljevic storms down the line, calling for Cole to follow. Buljevic crosses but Cole is a little too far behind

10th: Barnes gets away on City's left flank and crosses to Watson whose header flashes past the post.

15th: Buljevic works his way into the penalty area but is stopped by a great tackle by Mullen.

37th: Barnes rides a tackle and spears the ball wide for Watson to shoot but Banovic turns the ball over the bar with a fingertip save.

43rd: Buljevic sends a brilliant slide rule pass to Cole who squeezes a great shot past his opponent, O'Connor, and past Clarke, but the ball goes narrowly across goal.

47th: Bobby Provan misses with a tackle, leaving Borges free to head for goal. Borges decides on a lob to the far corner but it's

56th: Bannon gets the ball wide for Cole who misses.

58th: Watson wriggles through into the area but Tansey prevents a goal by hooking the ball clear, from behind Watson.

62nd: A great shot by Buljevic is blocked by Clarke. The ball comes back to Paton but he hits it awkwardly over the top.

68th: Buljevic plays the ball to Paton. Trenter gets it first but Paton fights tirelessly, wins the ball back and spears it forward for Bozias who, however, is offside.

75th: Yandimom preserves Heidelberg's lead by blocking Stevenson after Watson had worked the ball in from the right.

81st: With the score at 2-2, Banovic makes another brilliant save from a free-time shot by

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Frankston's \$350,000 guest player Eamon Bannon from Chelsea.

MAKEDONIA 0 FRANKSTON 1

Score: Adams 5th
Ground: B. T. Connor Reserve
MAKEDONIA: Kautner - Rainey, Gardwaite, Higham Beech - Leabral, Flavell, Petrovski, Cullen, Tuffield (Cunningham), Ward.
FRANKSTON: Peterson - V. Bannon, Adams, McCluskey, T. Young - Peters, E. Bannon, G. Bannon - T. Young, Mitten, Swincoe.
State League attendances will slump to an all-time low unless referees crack down on violent play.
That's the drastic prediction by Frankston Makodonia manager/coach Tony Vrina.
Vrina was angry after his team had lost 0-1 to Frankston City and lost new midfielder Stewart Cunningham in the process (see separate story).
"Our soccer must be unhealthily if the champion team (Frankston) wins games by defending for 85 minutes and using rough play," said Vrina. "Soccer fans will very quickly lose interest if this physical style of soccer is allowed to prosper."
"I blame the referees because they are the men who have the power to stop violent play. Too many referees ignore violent play, which reduces a game to an unattractive spectacle."
The only time referees get tough is when a player retaliates, but by then it is too late. The players who commit the bad fouls should be sent off, not the

Maltese rivals George Cross and Green Gully Ajax have the chance to placate some of their unhappy fans when they clash at Olympic Park this Saturday.

Both clubs are struggling at the wrong end of the ladder and their supporters aren't shy when it comes to showing displeasure.

Whoever wins the Maltese derby game will get at least a week's respite from the fans.

George Cross has spent heavily in an attempt to re-build the team which gained so much success in the past two seasons. After seeing the State League championship, the State League

Cup and the Dockerty Cup won by the proud Cross in that period, the fans find it hard to watch George struggle.

Ajax tasted success for the first time when it won the 1978 Ampol Cup. The supporters thought at last their efforts were reaping rewards, but the team hasn't recaptured its cup-winning form.

On paper, the teams are evenly-matched. One point separates them with Green Gully sitting just above George Cross.

Saturday: Albion Leyland v Prahran Slavia (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale) George Cross v Green Gully (Olympic Park).

SUNSHINE 1 GEO. CROSS 1

Score: Cowan (GC) 5th, Gilmore (S) 25th
Ground: Chaplin Reserve.
SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke - Olney, Lowe, Ellis, Morvill, Coyle, R. Nelson, McRobert - Gilmore, D. Nelson, Lalng (Palalay).
GEORGE CROSS: Matsson - Hooper, Maitland, Cavallio, Barron - Wilson, Bernard, Mifsud (Runcie) - Thom, Cowan, Peppers.
Tony Cowan shot George Cross into the lead in the fifth minute, but before Dave Nelson had hit the post at the end of the first half.

Wilson slipped the ball to Brian Thom who crossed for Cowan to collect, and not on the turn a powerful goal.

Sunshine hit back and was rewarded in the 25th minute when Stewart Gilmore pushed home from close range after a corner was missed by the George Cross defence.

Sunshine continued to have the better scoring opportunities, but could not capitalise.
Best for Sunshine were Robert Nelson, Kelvin Coyle and Mike Dwyer. George Cross' best performers were Tony Cowan and Michael Wilson.

CROYDON SNEAKS INTO TOP FOUR

CROYDON 0 JUVENATUS 0

Ground: Croydon Park
CROYDON CITY: Edwards - Spink, McCombe, Pongho, Hobson - Smith, Troni (Murphy) - Loughname (McKinlay), Rogan, Lowry, Wyllie.
JUVENATUS: Bell - Sabidul, Vaughan, Della Rocca, Terquino - C. Lucchesi, Smith, Sabidul - McGuinness, J. Lucchesi (Berbal), Henry.

Claude Lucchesi was less dominant than usual in midfield and so Juventus lacked bite. However, with Bobby McGuinness opening up well on the forward line, Juventus had the better of Croydon in the first half.

Croydon lost winger Peter Loughname early when he aggravated an injury. He was replaced by Henry McKinlay.

Steve McCombe showed better form for Croydon and was a strong defender in the first half.

But after the interval, Croydon came right back into the game. The defence of Jimmy Spink, McCombe, Alan Pongho and Gary Hobson was Croydon's main strength.

Croydon attacked, but had Joe Troni carrying an injury he received against Albion City last week. He took a kick on the injury and was replaced by Charlie Murphy.

Best players were Fausto Terquino, McGuinness, Tony Henry (Juventus) and McCombe, Spink and Pongho (Croydon).

Sunday: Frankston City v Albion City (Cantenary Park, N. Frankston) Essendon Croatia v Preston Macedonia (Olympic Park) Croydon City v Sunshine City (Croydon Park) St. Kilda Hakoah v Juventus (Middle Park).

SLAVIA 0 CROATIA 1

Score: Andrews 58th
Ground: Showgrounds

PRABHAN SLAVIA: McPherson - Thompson, Lawson, Westley, Wade (Kinnear) - Train, Monaghan, Boudie - Aldridge, Griffiths (Ward), Williams.

ESSENDON CROATIA: Smart, Kokoska, Short, Blavier - Andrews, Adams, Murphy - Cumming, Gilder, Cullen (Patska).

Howard Andrews had the last laugh on his team mates when he scored Essendon Croatia's winning goal over Prahran Slavia.

Andrews, who is often libel by his team mates because of the long periods between his goalkeeping efforts, popped up inside the area to push in a long throw which was flicked on by Branko Culin.

But Slavia made Croatia work hard for the victory and did enough to perhaps warrant a draw.

Goalkeeping chances were few and far between but Slavia had just as many chances to score. On one occasion, Peter Blavier raced out of goal, but mis-kicked straight to a Slavia forward, but the chance went begging.

Full back Frank Thompson was booked after resorting to "illegal" methods to stop the elusive Tommy Cumming, who had an excellent game.

Steve Lawson has developed a good understanding with his fellow defenders and gave good cover to Thompson and Paul Wade.

Glen Westley overshadowed striker Carl Gilder, who missed the support of Ken Murphy. Murphy was switched to midfield.

Gilder's only good work was done too far away from goal to worry Slavia.

Croatia fielded new signing Boris Palcia from Whittle Creek (SA), Palcia replaced Branko Culin.

Slavia coach Harry Oakliffe said "With a bit of luck we could have scored a couple of goals," he said, "but we are having a bad hot. When you're down things don't go right, like having to play the top three teams in successive weeks."

The best players for Slavia were Lawson, Wade and midfielder Jim Train. Croatia's best were Tommy Cumming, Howard Andrews and Steve Short.

Notes

This week's votes in the State League player of the year award -

MAKEDONIA v FRANKSTON
3 T. Young (F)
2 Cullen (M)
1 Petrovski (M)

GG AJAX v ALBION
3 D Sylva (Ab)
2 McIntyre (Ab)
1 Vojtek (GG)

SLAVIA v CROATIA
3 Cumming (C)
2 Lawson (S)
1 Andrews (C)

ALTONA v HAKOAH
3 O'Hara (H)
2 Cornell (A)
1 Train (A)

ALTONA 1 HAKOAH 0

Score: Whyte 35th
Ground: Kim Reserve

ALTONA CITY: van de Poel - Lewis, Gramsberger, Murray, Mild - Basagen, Connell, Whyte - Taylor, Crew, Train.

HAKOAH ST. KILDA: O'Hara - Edmondson, Dowen, Gadeley, Rakovalla - Jordanou (Rooney), Rigby, Allison - L. Nagy, Loh, Carpenter (S. Nagy).

Mike O'Hara's return to first team soccer was hectic but the colorful goalkeeper gave a brilliant display.

O'Hara was playing his first serious game since he appeared in pre-season friendlies with Footscray JUST. He displaced Billy Whiteside in the Hakoah team.

Altona City with greater determination and desire for the ball, made sure O'Hara was kept busy. Altona coach John Payne paid tribute to O'Hara when he said his team would have won by four or five goals had it not been for the goalkeeper's fine form.

Hakoah was stale against Altona - and the defeat cost the St Kilda club its place in the top four.

GG AJAX 1 ALBION 1

Score: McCormack (Alb) 65th, Patten (GG) 78th

GROUND: Green Gully Reserve.
GREEN GULLY AJAX: Dwyer - Donaldson, Celn, Patten, McCarthy (Vojtek), Klerin, Bernie (Torrison), Vassallo - Carr, Parkin.

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson - McIntyre, Blair, Nisbet, Thompson - D'Sylva, Wark, Stevens - McNell, McCormack, Stewart.

Former Victorian youth representative Mike D'Sylva is now showing the form Albion Rovers know he is capable of producing.

No-one at Albion has doubted D'Sylva's ability but now the young midfielder/forward has the confidence to produce on the field.

D'Sylva has played an important role in Albion's gritty performances of the last four weeks, which has seen the club pick up three draws and a narrow defeat against Juventus after leading by two goals.

D'Sylva has been switched by coach

CROYDON v JUVENATUS
3 Terquino (J)
2 McCombe (C)
1 Spink (C)

sunshine v GEO CROSS
3 R Nelson (S)
2 Cowan (GC)
1 Coyle (S)

Leading votegetters -
14 Cullen (Mak)
9 Whyte (Art) T. Young (Frank), Klerin (GG), G. Lucchesi (Juve)

6 D Sylva (Alb) Gilder (Cro), Loh (Hak), French (Hak), Terquino (Juve), Williams (Slav), Ellis (Sun)

Leading goalkeepers -
8 Gilder (Cro) Ward (Mak)
7 Mitten (Frank)
6 Swincoe (Frank)
5 Loh (Hak) C. Lucchesi (Juve)

By contrast, Altona was buzzing and keen to make amends after going five games without a win.

Stuart Cornell has a great debut for Altona in the central midfield position, and had a hand in Billy Whyte's winning goal.

Peter Lewis started the move with a run up the right flank. He slipped the ball forward for Cornell to collect and send a cross to the far post. Whyte rose high above the Hakoah defence to head home.

Hakoah had a weakened team due to injuries. Graham French was sidelined with a hurt knee and Stuart Blair was down with the flu.

Celia Allison was drafted into the midfield - and Steve Carpenter moved into the front line.

However, Carpenter was replaced by Sander Nagy.

George Train was shifted to attack from defence and the move paid off. Train ran well on the forward line, as well as funneling back to help out his defence.

Bob Taylor and Robin Crawford both missed good chances for Altona.

GG AJAX 1 ALBION 1

Billy McArthur into midfield - and has responded with some great play.

Albion came close to beating Ajax, but was denied when John Patten scored 12 minutes from the end. Earlier, Patten hit the post, but it was his own goal that he was firing at!

Albion is growing in confidence, and is within striking distance of several teams. Green Gully, however, is going through a lean patch.

Several players argued amongst each other, and it wasn't until player/coach Bill Vojtek came on as a reserve that Ajax got going.

Albion had the better of the first half with Billy McIntyre playing a good - attacking game from full back.

McIntyre started the move that won Albion a goal. He passed to Dave McNell who crossed for Bill McCormack to head home.

Best for Albion were McIntyre, Joe Thompson and D'Sylva and for Ajax, Vojtek and Willie Vassallo.

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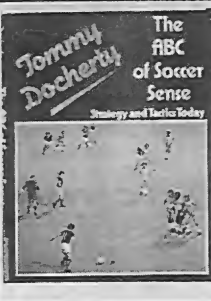
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Croydon A	3	0	0	11	4	0	1	1	0	0
Moorool	3	0	0	11	4	0	1	1	0	0
Dandenong A	3	0	0	11	4	0	1	1	0	0
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Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.



This week's Match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

COACH: D. McKay

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact
N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).



This week's Match: v **APIA LEICHHARDT**
at Middle Park (Melbourne) Monday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's Match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at
St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's Match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: **opatra**



This weeks Match: v **ST GEORGE** at
St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.
Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's Match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Monday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344

(Mornings).
663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW
Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: **PRESTO SMALLGOODS** and City Ford.

This week's Match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at
Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

